



DESERTS

Beat Hotel. Located in the foothills of Desert Hot Springs, the new Beat Hotel lures students of “The Beat Generation” with eight suites, a swimming pool and natural mineral spring-fed spa. Touted as a haven for conversation, contemplation and recreation, the hotel contains original art, manuscripts and materials by Burroughs and other Beat authors that can be studied and discussed over a free daily breakfast. **Press and public contact: Beat Hotel, 760/288-2280, www.dhsbeathotel.com.**

Ingleside Inn. Greta Garbo slept there. Carol Lombard and Clark Gable honeymooned there. Frank Sinatra threw a lavish pre-wedding party the night before his wedding to Barbara Marx. The 1925 Palm Springs landmark, Ingleside Inn, is once again ready to receive guests and Hollywood notables after its recent \$400,000 renovation, including new furnishings, wall treatments, bathroom updates and more. The Inn’s restaurant, Melvyn’s, also has new paint in golden tones, designer carpet, new chairs and draperies. **Press and public contact: Ingleside Inn, 800/772-6655 or 760/325-0046, www.inglesideinn.com.**

Palm Mountain Resort & Spa. Located in downtown Palm Springs, walking distance to shops, restaurants, nightlife and casino, the Palm Mountain Resort & Spa has just completed \$1 million renovation. The new spacious guest rooms offer a soothing color scheme with new furnishings, new carpet, tile and bathroom upgrades. The resort offers a large outdoor heated pool, Jacuzzi, putting green, table tennis and fitness center. Guests can enjoy being pampered at Miko’s Day Spa Salon or have a casual meal and watch their favorite sporting event on the 200-inch TV screen in Buckett’s Sportsbar and Restaurant. **Press contact: Palm Springs Resort & Spa, Davis Patterson, 760/325-**

1301, ext. 513. Public contact: 800/622-9451 or 760/325-1301,
www.palmmountainresort.com.

Palm Springs Desert Museum. The word desert can create many visions, one of which is a hoard of dangerous creatures armed with fangs, stingers and lethal venoms. For persons with such a view walking through the desert is considered no less life-threatening than strolling through a mine field—a single wrong step can bring one face-to-face with a deadly snake, spider or scorpion. The *Jeepers Creepers* exhibition, on view until October 26, educates the public on which animals are dangerous and which are not. The Palm Springs Desert Museum offers \$1 admission for the months of July and August. **Press contact: Palm Springs Desert Museum, 760/325-7186, ext. 116.** Public contact: 760/325-0189, www.psmuseum.org.

Palm Springs Desert Resorts. The charm and solitude of the Palm Springs Desert Resorts' secluded inns and small hotels can now be found in *Small Discoveries – A Guide to Unique Inns & Small Hotels*. This free, full color 10-page guide to more than 170 small properties lists hotels with 200 rooms and less in the desert's eight resort cities. Visitors can benefit from the guide's helpful information about stunning properties that cater to every lifestyle and taste – from turn of the century inns and modernists hotels to tile-roofed villas and family resorts. For a free copy of the new guide, visitors can call 800/41-RELAX (73529), write to the Palm Springs Desert Resorts Convention and Visitors Authority, 69-930 Highway 111, Suite 210, Dept. SD, Rancho Mirage, CA 92270, or visit www.palmspringsusa.com. **Press contact: Palm Springs Desert Resorts Convention Visitors Authority, Mark Graves, mgraves@palmspringsusa.com,** 760/770-9000, ext. 112.

Wyndham Palm Springs Hotel. Drawing inspiration from the surrounding desert environment and using materials indigenous to the Palm Springs Desert Resorts, the Wyndham Palm Springs Hotel has just completed \$5 million renovation. The new décor in the lobby with natural materials such as limestone, hand-woven sea grass, wood and

water hyacinth welcomes the visitors. All of the Wyndham's 410 guest rooms and suites now feature muted colors and natural materials to create an inviting and elegant setting. The hotel also redesigned its full-service restaurant and lounge, and added more than 4,500 square feet of poolside event space. The Wyndham offers 25,000 square feet of meeting space, which is directly connected to the Palm Springs Convention Center. After the convention center's \$27 million expansion completed in fall 2005, there will be more than 130,000 square feet of meeting space available. **Press and public contact:**
Wyndham Palm Springs Hotel, 760/322-6000, www.wyndham.com.